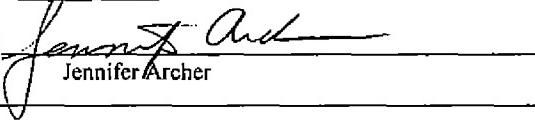


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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper